न्यायाधीश पदासीन हैं, शेष 3 अपर न्याय-न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद भरे जाने हैं। उच्च न्यायालय में रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए सांविधानिक प्राधिकारियों के साथ परामर्श की प्रक्रिया चल रही है किन्तु यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि ये पद कब तक भर लिए जाएंगे।

Pending cases in Delhi High Court

1823. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which are pending in the Delhi High Court for more than ten years;

(b) the time likely to be taken for the disposal of the above cases; and

(c) what steps are being taken for the expeditious disposal of the cases pending for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The number of cases pending in the Delhi High Court for more than 10 years as on 31-12-91 was 13,606.

(b) and (c) Delhi High Court has taken various steps to speed up the disposal of cases, such as grouping of cases involving common question of law, giving priority to cases requiring quick disposal, organising Lok Adalats, etc. The oldest cases are being exclusively listed during one whole week every month so as to expedite the disposal of these cases. It is not, however, practicable to estimate the time limit by which the cases would be disposed.

Reduction in the period of electionering

1824. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any roposal under Government's consideration to amend the laws suitably so that the interval between the first date of filing nomination of candidates and the date of poll is reduced to within fifteen days to enable the candidates and the Government to minimise expenditure; and

(b) if not, wht are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to reduce the interval between the last date for withdrawal and the date of poll to 14 days is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against Companies

1825. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently stated that penal action would be taken against companies, their promoters and their intermediaries who are misusing the provision of private placement of shares;

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this respect to the companies;

(c) whether any of the company has been found violating the said instructions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a)and (b) Yes, Sir. Vide Press Note issued by the Department of